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Col Gen V. Ye. BELOKOSKOV was identified for the first time in the Soviet press (Krasnaya Zvezda, 15 April 1956) as "Deputy Minister of Defense USSR" in an article concerning the presentation of awards to outstanding military construction men.

Possibly indicative of BELOKOSKOV's position was the identification in the same article of a captain as "Assistant for Work Among the Komsomol to the Chief of the Political Section of the Central Construction Administration." BELOKOSKOV has previously been identified as "Colonel General Independence" (Quartermaster Service), showing connection with that segment of the Soviet military establishment responsible for construction matters.

This is also the first press identification of the "Central Construction Administrations," which, possibly, could be a combining under a Deputy Minister of Defense (BELOKOSKOV) of all military construction activities. The Soviet press has previously identified a Central Military Planning [Organization] (Tsentral'nyy Vojenproyekt) and a Main Military Construction Administration of the Ministry of Defense USSR (Glavnoye voyenno-stroitel'noye upravleniye Ministerstva Oborony SSSR).

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